THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. A draft National Agricultural Research Policy has been formulated but is still under the process of finalization. The policy is going to have a national outlook.

(b) and (c) The details will be known only aftr the finalisation of the agricultural research policy.

World Bank Assistance to Agriculturaral Sector

4884. SHRI IQBAL STNGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank is providing financial assistance for development of agricultural sector in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by the Centre to the States dur ing the last three years;

(c) whether the entire fund received for Punjab had been utilised; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes Sir. World Bank assistance to Punjab for Agricultural Sector has been given for two projects viz

1. Integrated Water Shed Development Programme (IWDP) (Hills) and

2. Nation Agricultural Extensions Project (NAEP III). IWDP is an ongoing project and NAEP-III has been completed on 31-3-95.

(b) The details of assistance provided by the Centre to the States during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed (See below).

(c) and d) The funds earmarked for IWDP on year to year basis have been utilized. However, there has been a short fall in the utilisation of funds earmarked for NAEP-III owing to non-construction of office building.

Statement

State-wise Details of Central Asistance for various Agricuttnral Projects under World Bank during the last Three years

Allocations for (Rs. in lakhs)

Name of State	Projects under Implementation	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1	2	2	4	5
Assam	National Agricultural Extention Project-II	462.74	155.94	71.18
Andhra Pradesh;	Shrimp and Fish Culture Project	..	36.8	68.97
Bihar	Shrimp and Fish Culture Project	3.49	6.72	6.14
	Bihar Plateau Development Project	..	..	2046.81
Haryana	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Hills)	333.77	203.53	394.58
H.P	National Agricultural Extention Project-II	686.21	729.23	594.62
	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Hills)	274.25	416.81	597.90
Gujarat	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Plains);	283.15	235.24	440.39

1	2	3	4	5
J&K	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Hills)	610.56	578.04	709.52
Orissa	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Plains)	30.78	393.11	438.62
	Shrimp & Fish Culture	18.62	61.82	43.59
Punjab	National Agricultural Extension Project-III	75.28	484.19	484.19
	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Hills)	1063.88	896 05	1194.57
Rajasthan	Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Plains)	363.49	860.18	1324.96
	Agricultural Development Project (Rajasthan)	..	1258.06	3698.81
Tamil Nadu	Agricultural Development Project (Tamil-Nadu)	1689.17	2531.99	4741.70
Uttar Pradesh	National Agricultural Extention Project-II	1027 95	1838.67	2651.95
	Shrimp & Fish Culture Project	..	21.23	2.48
	U.P. Sodic Reclammation Project	..	210.89	580.62
West Bengal	Shrimp & Fish Cultural Project	3.42	24.21	40.06

Loan for input supply to farmers in panjab

4885. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) - whether Government sanctioned short term/long-term loans for input supply to the farmers during Kharif and Rabi crops in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to Punjab for 1994-95 Kharif and Rabi crops; and

(c) the details of the amount alloca ted to the State of Punjab for the said purpose during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Central Government was providing short-term loans to State Governments, including Punjab, for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately every year till 1993-94 to help them to purchase agricultural inputs, namely fertilisers, seeds and pesticides, and make them available to farmers in tune.

(b) Sanctioning of short-term loans to Stales has been discontinued from Rabi 1993-94 season.

(c) Short-term loan amount allocated to Punjab during (he years 1990-91 to 1993-94 is given below:

Year	(Rs. Crores)
1990-91	14.85
1991-92	16.30
1992-93	16.25
1993-94	8.45 (For Kharif. 99 only)

Misconception on subsidies to agriculture sector

4886. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAN-DRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: